



# FALL WASTE & RECYCLING NEWS

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## Household Hazardous Waste Day—October 23rd!

### What is hazardous waste?

A substance is considered hazardous if it: can catch on fire, can react or explode when mixed with other substances, is corrosive, or is toxic. The average household contains between three and ten gallons of these materials which can harm our health or the environment if not managed properly.

Most hazardous materials will have one of the following labels:

- CAUTION
- DANGER
- WARNING
- POISON

### What are some examples of household hazardous waste?

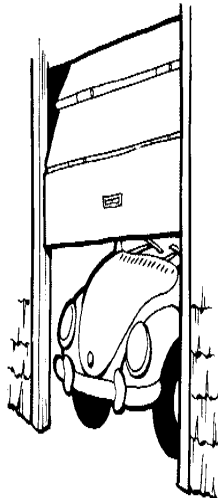
To answer this questions, let's divide our houses up into three sections and identify the hazardous wastes in each area: *Living Quarters*, *Garage*, and *Yard & Garden*.

#### Living Quarters

- Furniture polish
- Metal polish
- Floor products
- Bug Sprays
- Batteries
- Lighter fluid
- Old fire alarms
- Moth balls



#### Garage/Work Shop



- Antifreeze
- Car batteries
- Brake fluid
- Car wax
- Gasoline/Fuel
- Glue (solvent based)
- Paint (all types)
- Paint thinner
- Rust remover
- Transmission fluid
- Turpentine
- Varnish

#### Yard & Garden

- Fungicide
- Herbicide
- Insecticide
- Pool chemicals
- Rat poison
- Weed killer



### Why shouldn't we dump hazardous waste down the drain or throw it away?

The worst way to dispose of hazardous material is to "dump it down the drain." Wastewater treatment plants were not designed to handle this type of contamination. Unfortunately, throwing these materials in the landfill is not an effective solu-

tion, either. Collectively, hazardous waste in the landfill can contaminate groundwater, surface water, and air.

Ideally, you will reduce the amount of hazardous waste in your home by buying only what you need or buying non-hazardous products. If you do wind up with surplus hazardous materials, please take them to the upcoming hazardous waste clean-up day. It is the most responsible way to dispose of the items and the best way to care for our environment.

Questions? Call 345-1265 or send an e-mail to: [Rachele.Klein@awin.com](mailto:Rachele.Klein@awin.com)

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN-UP DAY!

**Date: October 23, 2007**

**Time: 12:00PM—7:00PM**

**Place: Mountain Home Parks & Rec. Office**

**Address: 795 S. 5th W. St.**

**Questions? Call 587-2112**

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# Business Recycling

You've mastered recycling at home, now it's time to take your "show" to the office! We encourage business owners *and* employees alike to investigate the great "green" opportunities that await you at work! A new office program that reduces the amount of trash you send to the landfill is good for company morale and could save you money! Recycling services are now available for small, medium and large businesses in your area. Cardboard, newspaper/magazines, mixed paper, cans and plastics can all be recycled on site! Think of the possibilities! Call the Allied Waste office at 345-1265, or send an e-mail to [rachele.klein@awin.com](mailto:rachele.klein@awin.com) for more information.

## Upcoming Holidays—Mark Your Calendar!

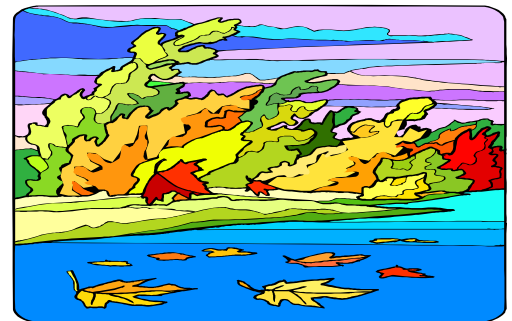
The holidays are quickly approaching and we want you to be aware of changes in your collection schedule. If your trash/recycling service day falls on or after the holiday, your collection will be delayed by one day.

Allied Waste will be observing the following upcoming holidays:

Thanksgiving—November 22, 2007 (Thursday)

Christmas—December 25, 2007 (Tuesday)

New Year's Day—January 1, 2008 (Tuesday)



## Yard Waste will end November 30, 2007!

We enjoyed your beautiful lawns and gardens this year, but fall is upon us and yard waste season is quickly coming to a close! Now is the time to grab your gloves, stiff rake and sense of determination—You only have until November 30th, 2007 to tackle your outdoor clean-up projects!

For those of you "year-round" gardeners—don't worry, you can throw your clippings into your home compost bin or store them until next spring when



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